

**MINUTES  
BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2014  
5:30 P.M.**

**ROOM 128 - CITY HALL - 7525 WEST GREENFIELD AVE.**

- PRESENT:** Catherine Narloch, Chair (Third District); Sr. Paula Marie Jarosz, (Fourth District); Jill Hansen (Fifth District); Diane Brandt, President, West Allis/West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce
- EXCUSED:** Dawn Groshekt, Chris Porterfield (First District); Caroline Dlouhy, Don Wadewitz (Second District); Aaron Konkol (Third District); Jamie Vallejo (Fourth District); Michael Plicka (Fifth District); Debra Plantiko, Beautification Committee; Ruth Snedic, League of Women Voters; Susan Stuckert, School Administration Liaison; Ald. Thomas Lajsic, Administration & Finance Committee; and Ald. Vincent Vitale, Safety & Development Committee
- OTHERS:** Barb Kueny, Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corp. (WWBIC); Jessica Lovely, West Allis-West Milwaukee School District; Joanie Luedke, West Allis-West Milwaukee Family Resource Center
- STAFF:** Patrick Schloss, Community Development Manager

The meeting was called to order by Catherine Narloch at 5:31 p.m.

1. Presentation of the Goals and Objectives within the 2014-19 Consolidated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Mr. Schloss stated that the purpose of tonight's public informational meeting was to gather input from the community on program activities that the public felt were needed in West Allis to assist low-to-moderate income households, while considering program activities for FY 2015.

Mr. Schloss then outlined the goals and objectives of the 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan for the CDBG Program.

2. Review of the National Objectives required for the CDBG program.

Mr. Schloss presented the national objectives for the CDBG program. He highlighted the estimated forecasted funding for FY 2015 and explained the CDBG-eligible areas of the City.

3. Public Input and Comment on Goals and Objectives to be considered in the formation of the FY 2015 Annual CDBG Action Plan.

Diane Brandt from the West Allis-West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce discussed the community need for more programs or continued support of initiatives to assist low-to-moderate income (LMI) families such as the Family Resource Center. She also expressed an interest in discussions about a Community Center to help organizations of LMI.

Joanie Luedke from the WA-WM Family Resource Center shared with the group the need to help individuals facing homelessness and eviction. She also shared an interest in establishing a Community Center.

Jessica Lovely from the WA-WM School District discussed homelessness and the need for affordable housing. She stated there are over 200 homeless students in the system. Ms. Lovely discussed the need for a “safe” program for homeless children.

Sr. Paula Marie supported a planting program to help LMI families.

Barb Kueny from the Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corp. (WWBIC) discussed educating individuals on how to open a business and microenterprise businesses.

Seeing no other comments from the public were received, Mr. Schloss closed the public input and comment section of the meeting.

4. Schedule for FY 2015 Annual CDBG Action Plan approval and funding.

Mr. Schloss informed the committee and attendees that FY 2015 applications would be posted on the City’s webpage following publication on June 26, 2014 and applications would be due by July 18, 2014.

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Sr. Paula Marie Jarosz, seconded by Jill Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Burkee  
Department of Development